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EU approves use of force against Iran, North Korea -
Milliyet
Turkey, U.S. healing wounds - Aksam
Desert Scorpion hunts Saddam's men - Aksam
'Desert Scorpion' against Iraqi resistance - Hurriyet
Clinton to become NY mayor - Turkiye
New reform package to reduce military members in NSC -
Milliyet
President strikes a blow against Uzan family - Sabah

OPINION MAKERS

UN: Iran violates nuclear non-proliferation treaty -
Cumhuriyet
Nuclear pressure on Tehran - Radikal
Grossman's 'strategic ally' gesture - Zaman
Baath militia ambushes U.S. troops - Radikal
U.S. striving to win hearts of Iraqis in Fallujah -
Cumhuriyet
BBC survey: 57 percent worldwide have negative opinion of
Bush - Cumhuriyet
Denktas unconvinced: Neither Annan Plan nor EU - Cumhuriyet
Denktas: Weston did not propose a solution - Yeni Safak
Israel against temporary cease-fire - Yeni Safak
U.S. seeks cooperation with Taliban - Yeni Safak

FINANCIAL JOURNALS

Public Procurement Law to be enacted this summer - Dunya
Gul: Turkey won't need IMF after 2004 - Finansal Forum

BRIEFING

MFA delegation in U.S.: MFA U/S Ambassador Ziyal told the
press after meeting with Richard Armitage, Marc Grossman and
Paul Wolfowitz that Turkey and the U.S. have agreed to
continue cooperating as 'strategic partners.' Grossman said
that the two 'strategic partners' reviewed all aspects of
their bilateral relationship. The Turkish side presented
the U.S. a comprehensive package on the rebuilding of Iraq,
and Ankara reportedly offered to spend part of the \$1
billion U.S. assistance grant for Turkey for the
reconstruction effort. The package also considered a
possible Turkish contribution to the peacekeeping force in
Iraq.

Weston in Northern Cyprus: After meeting with Greek Cypriot
President Papadopoulos over the weekend, U.S. Special Cyprus
Coordinator Tomas Weston met with Turkish Cypriot leader
Denktas on Monday. The Greek Cypriot side is ready to
resume the UN-sponsored talks in September, Weston told
Denktas. Denktas declined the offer, however, saying that
it is no longer possible to revive the Annan plan. Denktas
noted that the Turkish Cypriots would join the EU only once
Turkey's full membership is secured.
New EU adjustment reforms: Papers report on a new government
effort to increase civilian control over military
expenditures. According to proposals in the 'seventh' EU
reform package, military procurement will become more

transparent, and military spending will be included in the general budget. Civilians will be assigned to the post of National Security Council (NSC) secretary-general, and force commanders will be excluded from the NSC. The new package also restricts the authority of the president. Papers speculate that the new package will also expand freedom for conducting political propaganda in Kurdish.

President approves takeover of Uzan companies: President Sezer approved a Council of Ministers decree ordering the takeover of energy plants owned by the Uzan Group. The president's approval of the decree without any delay is seen as open support for the government's decision to seize ten energy companies and dams belonging to the Uzan family for ongoing violations of contract provisions with the Energy Ministry.

Commander warns against fundamentalism: On the 164th anniversary of the establishment of gendarme forces, General Sener Eruygur drew attention to intensified activity by radical religious organizations, saying that 4,346 students were being given fundamentalist training in a single province. The Gendarme Commander said that secularism must be defended in the face of the growing fundamentalist threat.

EDITORIAL OPINION:

- a) Middle East
- b) Iran

"Future of the US and Palestine state"

Erhan Basyurt wrote in the Islamist-intellectual Zaman (6/17): "If the roadmap fails, it will negatively affect not only Israel and Palestine, but also the US and particularly the prestige of President Bush. The US is well aware of the fact that the gist of anti-American radicalism stems from the Palestinian issue. In the eyes of the US, a democratic Palestinian state is to be the core of a democratic restructuring of the Middle East. To prevent failure, the US must be willing to exert its political, economic and political clout on both sides in an impartial manner. Yet this balancing act may prove as difficult as finding a settlement."

"Iran and who is doing what?"

Sami Kohen wrote in mass appeal Milliyet (6/17): "Iran, under both internal and external pressure, is experiencing its most critical period since the Islamic revolution. Iran's future is uncertain. . At this stage, we don't see a move by the masses against the regime. Yet recent events indicate that the people of Iran, for the first time, are raising their voices against the system and the regime's current policies. It is important to see what action the regime will take and how much it will heed the voices of the people. . As for the US, its goal is not exactly clear, but it goes without saying that the Bush administration wants the Tehran regime to end. . If Washington is determined to 'deal with' Iran now, it means that the region will go through a very intense period."

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